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For : "METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPEN-KNIT FABRIC WITH
MACHINES FOR KNITTING HOSIERY OR OTHER
ARTICLES, AND OPEN-KNIT ARTICLE OBTAINED WITH
THE METHOD"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir,

please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified
Application:

substitute the original page 17 of the specification with the enclosed
new page 17, where lines 17-21 have been deleted;

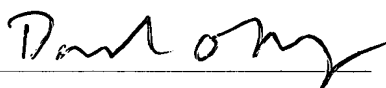
substitute the original claims 1 to 11 with the enclosed redrafted
claims 12 to 22;

substitute the original abstract with the enclosed new abstract of

the disclosure.

It is to be noted that the new page 17 of the specification, the newly submitted claims 12 to 22 and the new abstract of the disclosure do not comprise any new matter but merely more clearly define Applicant's originally disclosed invention.

Respectfully submitted



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with the formation of conventional stitches, it allows to form open-knit fabric with holes that have various dimensions and/or shapes according to the requirements.

5 In the examples of embodiments described above, individual characteristics, given in relation to specific examples, may actually be interchanged with other different characteristics that exist in other examples of embodiments.

10 The method and the open-knit article obtained with the method, thus conceived, are susceptible of numerous modifications and variations, all of which are within the scope of the appended claims; all the details may further be replaced with other technically equivalent ones.

In practice, the threads and the counts of the threads that are used may be any according to requirements and to the state of the art.

15 The disclosures in Italian Patent Application No. MI2004A000303 from which this application claims priority are incorporated herein by reference.